

*Forever Loving – Forever Loved*  
**DR. ELENA J. SCAMBIO**

October 14, 1944 - November 12, 2008



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

**2:00 PM**

**St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church**

56 Elmwood Ave. ♦ Montclair, New Jersey

**Father Carmen Buono, Celebrant**

**Father José I. Gamba, Concelebrant**

## OBITUARY

**Dr. Elena J. Scambio**, 64 years old, passed away Wednesday November 12, 2008 in the New York Presbyterian Hospital, surrounded by her family and friends. Born in Newark to the late Pietro and Nancy (nee DePalma), she had lived in Montclair 20 years, and then in Little Falls for the past 6 years.

Dr. Scambio's entire career was in education. She began her career as a teacher at St. Francis Xavier School and First Avenue School in Newark. She then served as Supervisor of Child Study, Assistant Superintendent of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District, Essex County Superintendent of Schools, State District Superintendent of the Jersey City Schools, and served as Deputy Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey.

Up to her death, was Vice President of Curriculum and Instructional Services at Innovative Educational Programs. She was at the heart of the founding and growth of this company. Her knowledge, passion and concern for educating students created the backbone of the company.

Additionally, prior to her death, she was the Chairperson of the Division of Education at Bloomfield College. There she was universally admired for her energy, vision and dedication to the Education program at Bloomfield College. Her visionary leadership oversaw the growth of teacher education at the College.

Dr. Scambio was active in the community, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Montclair Community Pre-K. She contributed her service to St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church in Montclair as Pastoral Council President and Co-Chair of the New Energies Committee for the Archdiocese of Newark. She was a gifted teacher of CCD and served as a Eucharistic Minister. She also served on the board of trustees of the Contemporary Center for Advanced Psychoanalytic Studies at Farleigh Dickinson University. She was a Caldwell Dominican Associate and member of the International Theresian Prayer Group.

Dr. Scambio is survived by her beloved life partner, Dr. Angela Butler, their beloved son John, brother Edward and his wife, Jennie of Easton, PA, sister-in-law Theresa of Livingston, NJ, 10 nieces and nephews, 18 great nieces and nephews and one great, great nephew. She was predeceased by her brothers Dr. Anthony DeLufo and John DeLufo.

**In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Bloomfield College for the Elena J. Scambio Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Bloomfield College Development Dept., 68 Oakland Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003, or to the Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, c/o Sister M Leticia Convent, St Augustine Church, 168 Sussex Ave, Newark, NJ 07103.**

# HOLY EUCHARIST

Entrance Hymn #483 (MI)

Prayer of St. Francis

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Vicki D'Alessio

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Linda Del Tufo  
Connie Moore

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 5:1-12a*

Homily

Rev. Carmen Buono

Prayer of the Faithful

Stefanie Goodsell

Offertory Song # 523 (MI)

Lord, You Have Come

Presentation of Gifts

John Butler  
Angela Butler

The Sign of Peace

Communion # 378 \*(MI)

Here I Am Lord

Communion Meditation

Amazing Grace  
*Soloist Dr. Cheryl Evans*

Eulogy

Dr. William Librera

Recessional #187 (Missal)

This Little Light of Mine



Organist	Gregory Scime	
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosann Di Iorio Sharon Huebner	Nancy Stevens Tina Schumacher
Pall Bearers	Anthony Del Tufo Frank Del Tufo Maryann Sorrentino Jim Garofallou	Ryan Moore Chris Di Iorio Robert Goodsell Doug Stevens

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



~ St. Francis of Assisi

#### *Acknowledgment*

*We thank you, most sincerely, for your kind expressions of love and compassion. Your prayers, words of consolation, contributions and the many kind acts both seen and unseen have sustained us throughout the illness and the passing of Elena. Your kindness will always be remembered. May you receive one hundred-fold for all that you have given and done.*

*The Family*

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